

Regional Coal Sale Centres

3638. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd. has opened offices of the regional coal sale centres in the major cities of the country; and

(b) if so, the annual expenditure incurred on these centres and the profit earned by the Coal India Ltd. therefrom and the other utility thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Coal India Ltd. (CIL) presently have Regional Sales Offices at 12 major cities in different States and also at 5 Steel Plants.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on these 12 Regional Sales Centres during the year 1995-96 was Rs. 10.18 crores. The Regional Sales Offices provide various commercial services to consumers and are not profit centres. The services provided are :

- Maintaining liaison with the State Govts. and scores of consumer bodies to look into the requirements of coal/coke and to coordinate supply of the same from the subsidiaries.
- Providing feed back services as well as conducting market surveys.
- Submission of coal bills and collection of payment and also to follow up and co-ordinate on outstanding dues with major sectors of consumers such as State Electricity Boards etc.
- Close co-ordination of coal supplies to the power houses.
- Assist in legal matters in court cases.

— Regional Sales Offices at Steel Plants are exclusively dealing with the issues of coal supplies to the Steel Plants.

Losses in H.M.T.

3639. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Machine Tools is incurring losses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the losses suffered during each of the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1994-95 and 1995-96 HMT incurred a loss of Rs. 79.20 crore and Rs. 55.89 crore (Prov.) respectively.

Economic Growth

3640. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

a) the average overall economic growth rate achieved during the first four years of the Eighth Plan;

b) the corresponding average economic growth rate in each of the States during the same period;

c) the impacts of the high national growth in the field of industry, construction and services sector; and

d) the average growth rates in the above two sectors recorded during the said period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d) The information is given in the statements I, II, III, IV and V attached. This is based on the latest information available with the Central Statistical Organisation.

STATEMENT-I*Growth rates in Gross Domestic Products*

The annual average growth in gross domestic product (GDP) for the economy as a whole and by economic activity, viz., industry, construction and services at factor cost at 1980-81 prices as per the latest information available with Central Statistical Organisation is as indicated in the table below.

Annual Growth Rates in Gross Domestic Product at factor cost at 1980-81

Year	Overall	Manufacturing	Construction	Services
1992-93	5.1	4.1	3.3	5.1
1993-94	5.0	4.3	2.3	6.8
1994-95	6.3	9.0	7.1	6.0
1995-96	7.0	14.2	3.7	7.0
Average*	5.9	7.9	4.1	6.2

Note : Figures for the year 1994-95 are quick estimates and for 1995-96 revised estimates; Services includes the sectors trade, hotels, & restaurants, transport, storage & communication, financing, insurance, real estate & business services, community, social and personnel services and;

*Mean of the growth rates for the years 1992-93 to 1995-96.